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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1456

FROM CDR REPASS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OCLR, SN
SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA NEWS MEDIA VISIT

1. MR. EWANS AGREES WITH ON-ISLAND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. HIS ROLE WILL BE TO RESPOND TO APPROPRIATE MEDIA QUERIES ONLY.
2. FOLLOWING ARE REVISIONS TO Q & A'S APPROVED BY EMBASSY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND CLEARED BY GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE:

Q. WHERE DO THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO DIEGO GARCIA GO FOR R&R?

A. PERSONNEL ARE PERMITTED LEAVE AND GO VARIOUS PLACES -- THE U.S., PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, ETC.

Q. HOW MANY GO ON LEAVE TO SINGAPORE?

A. A FEW VISIT SINGAPORE, RARELY MORE THAN A DOZEN, TWO TO THREE
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TIMES PER MONTH, USING SPACE ON LOGISTICS SUPPORT FLIGHTS THAT TRANSIT THERE.

3. REQUEST ARRANGE AN ESCORT, PREFERABLY A PHOTOGRAPHER, AND VEHICLE FOR CARL MYDANS, TIME MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER, WHO WILL NOT ATTEND BRIEFING. HE DESIRES TO PHOTOGRAPH INTERESTING LOCATIONS ON THE ISLAND DURING ENTIRE TIME AVAILABLE.

4. PRE-VISIT BRIEFING HELD AT HYATT HOTEL PM 5 APRIL: MR. EWANS PROVIDED HISTORICAL BRIEF ON ISLAND, THEN ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON BACKGROUND NOT FOR ATTRIBUTION. DEFENSE AND STATE DEPT REPS HANDLED Q & A ON BACKGROUND ONLY. SCOPE OF QUESTIONS VARIED FROM RUSSIAN BASE AT BERBERA VISA VIS US AT DIEGO GARCIA, RUSSIAN ANCHORAGES IN INDIAN OCEAN, U.S./U.K. AGREEMENT, BASE FACILITIES AND CAPABILITIES, FACILITY COSTS OVER AND ABOVE MILCON COSTS, ETC. ANSWERS TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS DEFERRED UNTIL 6 APRIL, BECAUSE THEY ARE INCLUDED IN SCHEDULED ON-ISLAND BRIEF.

5. NEWS MEDIA REPS ADVISED THAT 6 APRIL BRIEFING IS ON THE RECORD FOR ATTRIBUTION.
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